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Hello,

This is for Bill 28 and I just wanted to write about my experience with second-hand smoke around bus stops throughout this year.

Every morning during the school year I wake up at around 6:30 and go to the bus stop by Shokudo located at Kapiolani and Mahukona by around 6:55. Then I wait for the number 5 or 18 bus to come and take me to school. In between that time whenever there are smokers around, my eyes get itchy and my whole body feels really dirty. The stench of the smoke is unbearable, but I am unable to move too far away from the bus stop, so I try to hold my breath, and I breathe through my shirt, but even still, it is hard to avoid the smoke. Even If I walk down to the stop inside Ala Moana it does not help because it is even worse since there are much more people (thus a higher chance of smokers), and the ventilation is worse.

Also, whenever I go downtown to hang out with my friends or to play basketball at the Nuuanu YMCA, I have to take the bus back home. The bus-stops in Chinatown are the worst because no matter which stop I go to there are always people smoking, people who have absolutely no respect for others around them. Even if they aren't waiting for the bus, they smoke there because that might be where they sleep, or where they just like to hang out and smoke.

I really hope this bill passes because whether I am a bus rider or not, this bill will be another step to eliminating smoking once and for all, and help our state be the cleanest and healthiest in the nation.

Thank you.

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